

## POWER OUT TEMPORARILY

# Classes Were Canceled For Bad Weather

By Carolyn Walker

Weather continued to plague the area with a new round of ice and snow last week. The National Weather Service in Paducah issued a winter storm warning for Western Kentucky from noon Feb. 4 through 6 a.m. the next morning. Although the event began with snow, it soon changed to sleet and freezing rain with an average of one half inch of ice accumulating in the area by Feb. 5. Light snow and flurries continued off and on much of the remainder of the week.

The ice downed multiple trees and limbs in Hopkins and surrounding counties. Road crews worked to clear the roads of hazards as well as to plow and treat the highways. The ice also resulted in scattered power outages

in the Pennyryle Area. Power was off briefly in parts of Dawson Springs on the night of Feb. 4 and again the following morning.

Although students in Dawson Springs have missed fewer days than most area districts, as of Tuesday, eight days must be made up. Two of those make-up days will be Feb. 17 and March 28. The remaining days will be added to the end of the school year. Superintendent Lenny Whalen said all closures, except for one early in the season, were the result of road conditions. No problems with heating or plumbing have occurred during the most recent bouts of extreme cold.

Classes were canceled at the last minute Monday, but

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AMBER PUTMAN tries to avoid her friend Shaley Menser as she slides down the hill at the end of South Main Street Wednesday, Feb. 5. Snow, sleet and freezing rain all fell over the area last week to make the hill very slick.

## COULD PARTNER WITH THE SCHOOL SYSTEM

# Chamber Exploring Historymobile Visit To City

By Carolyn Walker

The February meeting of the Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce was held at noon yesterday at the Darby House.

Main Street manager Melissa Hefflin told the group she has submitted her year-end manager's report to the state but has not yet received feedback on the paperwork. Hefflin noted that changes are taking place on the national level

which she hopes will be geared toward smaller Main Street programs.

Hefflin also reported on information she received from the Kentucky Historical Society concerning the Historymobile, an interactive exhibit about Kentuckians in the Civil War era. The school system can partner with the chamber and other local organizations to cover the \$1,500 cost of the program. Time slots in early

August and early September are still available. The History mobile is intended primarily for students in grades four through 12; however, with a smaller school, all local students could participate.

Superintendent Lenny Whalen said he will speak with the principals and teachers about the Historymobile. If other groups help to sponsor the exhibit, it makes sense that residents other than students should be able to visit it, Whalen

said.

Chamber president Jenny Sewell reported that awnings in front of two local buildings have collapsed under the weight of the recent ice and snow. The property owners will repair the awnings and paint the buildings where needed.

The new owners of the buildings at 105 and 106 E. Railroad Ave. have obtained a business license to open an upscale thrift store and gourmet coffee shop.

They also plan to create five rental units upstairs.

Applications are available at city hall for gap grants to help residents with home improvements. Kentucky League of Cities representatives held a meeting in Dawson Springs Monday night to explain the grants. Homeowners can receive up to \$25,000 for renovations if they meet income

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LAURA'S Stylin' Salon and Antiques on W. Arcadia Avenue lost the store-front awning Wednesday, Feb. 5, due to the weight of the snow and ice.

# Special Meeting Of Council Held

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs City Council held a special meeting Tuesday night. Two items were on the agenda.

The first was approval for Mayor Jenny Sewell to take action on a situation at the apartments at 200 E. Munn St. known as the "Bath House" apartments. A written com-

plaint has been filed with the Department of Housing and Building Construction in Frankfort about the building, and Sewell said local safety officials have also reported issues with the property. Her next step is to publicly appoint a property inspector to assess the building.

The second item on the agenda was to approve pursuing a grant to

rehabilitate a building at the corner of South Main and Ramsey streets in the Dawson Springs Historic District. If received, the grant funds would be used to turn the existing property into eight one-bedroom apartments.

The meeting was not over at press time. A full report will be in next week's paper.

## OVER KENTUCKY LAKE

# Bridge Construction Contract Is Awarded

From Kentucky Press News Service

Gov. Steve Beshear announced Tuesday the award of a contract to build the first of the much-anticipated twin Lake Bridges in the Jackson Purchase of Western Kentucky.

The \$131.5 million project, awarded by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to Johnson Brothers Corp., of Fort Worth, Texas, will result in a modern, four-lane bridge to carry U.S. 68/ KY 80 over Kentucky Lake and serve as the western entrance to Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area.

"Replacement of the bridges over Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley has been a priority of my administration because of their importance to the tourism industry of Western Kentucky," Beshear said in a news release. "Land Between The Lakes, and indeed our entire 'Western Waterland' region, is not only a cultural and recreational treasure. It also is

an economic engine."

The new bridge will replace the venerable but narrow and obsolete Eggners Ferry Bridge, which was built in 1932 and long ago ceased to meet modern design standards for the amount of traffic it must accommodate. The Eggners Ferry, joining Marshall and Trigg counties, has two lanes, each 10 feet wide, with no shoulders. The new bridge will have four travel lanes, each 11 feet wide, plus 4-foot shoulders and a 10-foot-wide pedestrian/bicycle path.

The larger Lake Bridges Project also includes replacement of the Henry Lawrence Memorial Bridge on Lake Barkley — a near twin of the Eggners Ferry. The Transportation Cabinet is planning to award a contract for the second bridge by December.

In the Kentucky Lake region, about two miles of U.S. 68/KY 80 will be widened from two lanes to four lanes from Aurora, in Marshall County on the west-

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## Obituaries

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Maxine Long Workman, 95

Sadie "Katherine" Young, 78

## LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST

Wed 2/12	Thu 2/13	Fri 2/14	Sat 2/15	Sun 2/16
35/18	40/33	44/24	44/33	52/41
Mix of clouds and sun early, then becoming cloudy later in the day.	A few clouds. Highs in low 40s and low in low 30s.	Snow showers at times. Highs in mid 40s, lows in mid 20s.	Mostly cloudy. Highs in mid 40s and lows in low 30s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in low 50s and lows in low 40s.

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## Service Will Be Friday For Maxine Workman

The funeral for Maxine Kinnett Long Workman, 95, of Dawson Springs, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Charleston Missionary Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Beshear Funeral Home and from 10 a.m. until the funeral hour at the church on Friday.

The Rev. Kent Workman and Dr. Calvin Bryant will officiate. Burial will be in Dunn Cemetery.

Mrs. Workman died Feb. 9, 2014, at her home.

She was born May 27, 1918, in Charleston, to the late Blanche Kinnett and Dewey Long.

She attended Charleston and Dawson Springs schools and was a member of Charleston Baptist Church where she served as Sunday school teacher, church clerk, WWMU director and choir member for approximately 80 years.

Mrs. Workman was a homemaker and was active in the local school as PTA president. She was very active in the lives of her children and grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Isaac Newton Workman; three sisters, Edith Stanley, Betty Toole and Doris Francu; five brothers, Ralph Long, Philip Long, Harold Long, Jimmy Long and Welton Long; and a grandson, Timothy Jones.

Survivors include a daughter, Myrna Jones of Dawson Springs, and a daughter and son-in-law, Melinda and Clifford



MAXINE WORKMAN

Young of Apex; two sons and daughters-in-law, the Rev. Kent and Alice Workman of Hopkinsville and Philip and Belinda Workman of Norman, Okla.; three sisters, Janet Flake, Joan Spillman and Peggy Barclay; eight grandchildren, Debra Mitchell, Kent Jones, Mike Workman, Andrew Workman, Kathleen Young, Liane Shemwell, Heidi Tucker and Hollie Garentson; 16 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Andrew Workman, Mike Workman, Kent Jones, Mike Flake, Gene Workman, Jonathan Mitchell, Nathan Workman, Arron Workman, Luke Hopper, Jake Hopper, Jesse Hopper, Jacob Workman and Rick Shemwell.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to Gideons International, P.O. Box 201, Madisonville, KY 42431 or Dunn Cemetery Fund, c/o Gene Workman, 2950 Charleston Road, Dawson Springs, KY 42408.

## Services Are Held Saturday For Tara Star Kimmel, 39

The funeral for Tara Star Kimmel, 39, of Dawson Springs, was held Saturday at Beshear Funeral Home.

The Rev. E.J. Hatton officiated. Burial was in Rose-dale Cemetery.

Mrs. Kimmel died Feb. 5, 2014, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

She was born Dec. 24, 1974, in Hopkins County, to David Stallins and Valerie Robinson Cotton.

She had worked as a teller for US Bank and Fifth Third Bank.

Mrs. Kimmel was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Paul and Mildred Robinson; and twin grandsons, Owen Wyatt and Briley Jay McKinney.

In addition to her parents, survivors include two daughters, Kaitlin Stallins of Bowling Green, and Ashlynn Barnett of Clarksville, Tenn.; her stepfather, Jon Cot-



TARA KIMMEL

ton, of Dawson Springs; a brother, Timothy McGregor, of Dawson Springs; and her fiancée, Danny Franks, of Dawson Springs; two nephews; and a niece.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of donations to First United Methodist Church, 107 E. Keigan St., Dawson Springs, KY 42408.

## OBITUARIES

### Service Will Be Monday For Marietta Chamberlain

A memorial service for Marietta Wise Chamberlain, 85, of Louisville, formerly of Dawson Springs, will be held at noon Monday at Pearson's Funeral Home in St. Matthews.

Mrs. Wise died Feb. 6, 2014, at Baptist Health Louisville.

She was the daughter of the late Manuel "Butch" and Ruth Wise of Dawson Springs.

She was a 1947 graduate of Dawson Springs High School and a retired secretary at Ballard High School.

In addition to her parents,

she was preceded in death by her husband, Austin Chamberlain.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Orr, Palm City, Fla.; three sons, Tom Chamberlain, Monroe, Ga., Kirk Chamberlain, Louisville, and Jeff Chamberlain, Carmel, Ind.; two sisters, Martha Jean Jones, Madisonville, and Billie Young, Hopkinsville; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

### The Science Guy Speaks At Murray State Lecture

By Hawkins Teague  
Murray Ledger & Times

Famed television personality Bill Nye "The Science Guy" was given the rock star treatment at Murray State University's CFSB Center Feb. 3 as the crowd greeted him with wild applause, whoops, hollers and several "big head" cutouts of his face.

Nye was an engineer for Boeing before becoming famous and a hero to a generation of children as the host of the PBS show "Bill Nye the Science Guy" from 1993 to 1998. Nye won seven Emmy Awards for writing, producing and performing on the show.

Despite the icy weather conditions, the auditorium still had quite a large crowd of enthusiastic fans for the annual Presidential Lecture, which MSU Interim President Tim Miller noted during his introduction had been established in 2005. Previous speakers included Spike Lee, James Carville and Mary Matalin, Ben Stein, Desmond Tutu, Richard Norton Smith, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Benazir Bhutto, Lech Walesa and F.W. deKlerk.

Nye talked about a variety of scientific topics, including sundials, the arbitrary nature of calendars through history, the Mars rovers, the crater in New Mexico he said was likely caused by the asteroid that killed the dinosaurs and the possibility of finding a way to deflect an oncoming asteroid. Throughout the appearance, Nye reiterated to students that he wanted them to change the world through science.

Nye encouraged students to invent a battery that would hold larger amounts of energy than currently possible or push geothermal heating and cooling to new heights of energy efficiency. He said the quickly increasing human population means that more and more developing countries are trying to live like industrialized nations, which means using more electricity and releas-

ing more carbon into the atmosphere. He said one of the chief concerns climate scientists have about increasing global temperatures is that rising sea levels would displace billions of people from coastal areas, which he said would then bring about massive levels of instability all over the world.

Nye summed up his fascination with science and the universe with the phrase, "The joy of discovery," and imagined a scenario in which Earthlings visited Mars and read the inscription on NASA's Mars Curiosity rover.

"If you go to the Curiosity Rover — and I hope somebody here does go to visit it as an historic site — and look at the Mars dial, we put a message on it for the first time since the Voyager spacecraft in the 1970s," Nye said. "It says we built the spacecraft in our year 2010, it arrived here in 2012, we looked for signs of water and life to learn about Mars' past and prepare for our future. And then it says, 'To those who visit here, we wish a safe journey and the joy of discovery.'"

"The joy of discovery, my friends. That is the essence of this enterprise. That is what science is all about. Our ancestors who do not experience the joy of discovery, I submit to you, are not here anymore. They did not go looking for the next place to find food, the next place to find water, the next cool little thing to do to impress a potential mate. And they disappeared. The joy of discovery is deep within us."

Nye talked about his support for outer space exploration, saying that countries around the world are taking an interest in space programs because they understand it spurs innovation. He mentioned a quotation from President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964 in which he said that a country cannot be number-one in the world and have the number-two space program.

## Service Will Be Friday For Sadie Frey Young

The funeral for Sadie Catherine Frey Young, 78, of Reed, formerly of Dawson Springs, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Beshear Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. tomorrow and from 9 a.m. until the funeral hour Friday.

The Rev. Larry Phaup and the Rev. Alan Hopper will officiate. Burial will be in Piney Grove Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Mrs. Young died Feb. 9, 2014, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind.

She was born Jan. 2, 1936, to Louise Page Pickering and the late Bracey Gibbs.

She was a nurse at Outwood Hospital for many years and was a member of

Crofton Baptist Church. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Douglas Young.

Survivors include her mother, Louise Phelps Pickering, Mannington; a daughter, Sharon Buchanan, Reed; two sisters, Linda Stringfield, Mannington, and Kaye Compton, Crofton; two brothers, Joe Phelps, Topeka, Kan., and Johnny Phelps, Nortonville; a grandson; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Mike Stringfield, James Bennet, Kevin Stringfield, Fral Barlow, Linda Stringfield and Kaye Compton.

### Obituary Policy

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# Nye/Ham Face Off In Debate At Famous Creation Museum

By Cliff Peale  
The Kentucky Enquirer

For true believers of all stripes, Feb. 4 was the opportunity of a lifetime. Nine hundred people streamed into the Creation Museum in Northern Kentucky for the debate between founder Ken Ham and Bill Nye, the "Science Guy" of television fame.

There was little hint of the worldwide livestream that organizers were hoping would attract as many as 1 million viewers online.

Yet the audience beyond there apparently was large. The debate was a hot topic online; at one point the top four trending topics on Twitter, the social media site, were related to it.

"Science rules" read one

T-shirt by a 12-year-old in the museum, with the sound of mechanized dinosaurs braying in the background and people scarfing down quick meals at Noah's Café.

Misty Brewer of Tulsa, Okla., said she has "traveled my journey to atheism." She drove 12 hours to bring her son to the "debate" and was getting in the car to drive back home immediately after it ended.

"I think the believers will stay believers," Brewer said. "No one's going to walk out of here saying, 'I changed my mind.' That's not going to work."

Tim and Diana Yokum of Akron, Ohio, listened quietly to dissenting views, but weren't swayed. They've been to the museum nearly half a dozen times.

"The Bible says God created man. It doesn't say evolved," Diana Yokum said. "I really believe those who believe in evolution will have their eyes opened tonight."

Ham and Nye stuck to their lines in prepared speeches that made this anything but a debate.

After five-minute opening statements, Ham and Nye had 30 minutes to offer arguments backed with photos and charts.

"Your assertion that there is some difference between the natural laws that I observe today and the natural laws of 4,000 years ago is extraordinary and unsettling," Nye told Ham.

He pointed out that kangaroos don't live in the Middle East, where Noah's Ark supposedly ran aground, or on the way to Australia.

Ham focused on "observational science," saying Nye couldn't be so certain about events he didn't witness.

"I challenge the evolutionists to admit the belief aspects of their particular worldview," he said.

"The battle (over creationism) is really about authority. It's about who is

the authority, man or God," Ham said.

The last section of the debate featured Ham and Nye answering questions submitted by audience members.

When each man was asked what would change his mind about evolution and creationism, Nye said, "we would just need one piece of evidence." Ham said that no one would ever convince him "the word of God is not true."

When asked if there was room for God in science, Ham said "God is necessary because you have to assume the laws of nature. ... Christianity and science go hand in hand." Nye replied that "there are billions of people around the world who embrace science and are religious," adding that the head of the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Francis Collins, "is a deeply religious man."

The final question for both was to describe the one thing, more than anything else, upon which they based their beliefs.

"There is a book called the Bible, it's a very unique book.... It's a very specific

book," Ham said. "I base my beliefs on the information and the process that we call science. ... (we are) one of the ways that the universe knows itself," Nye said.

The "debate" was the biggest public splash in the two-decade history of Answers in Genesis, the creationist ministry that Ham helped start and still leads. More than 800,000 had registered to watch the debate online.

In the seven years since the museum opened, it has attracted more than half a million visitors, and the ministry employs 300 people with a \$30 million budget.

It still plans to spend more than \$60 million on a Noah's Ark biblical theme park in Grant County.

Ham and his followers have drawn scorn worldwide for insisting that their

interpretation of the biblical story challenges the evolution of man accepted by scientists generations ago.

To those critics, exhibits showing people frolicking among dinosaurs make it a cartoon, not a museum.

"I say to the grown-ups, if you want to deny evolution and live in your world, in your world that's completely inconsistent with everything we observe in the universe, that's fine," Nye said last year in a video posted online. "But don't make your kids do it, because we need them."

The museum is paying Nye expenses plus a fee. It would not disclose the fee, but Nye's normal speaking fee is \$50,000 to \$75,000, according to Celebrity Talent International.

The two debaters had never met before.

## Gospel Jubilee Features Open Mic Friday Night

Rita's Front Porch Gospel Jubilee, 8805 Ky. 112 in Ilesley, will hold open mic night Friday at 7 p.m. Cancel in case of inclement weather.

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Solomon spoke three thousand Proverbs and composed one thousand and five songs. Proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five. He described plant life, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls.

He also taught about animals and birds, reptiles and fish. Men of all nations came to listen to Solomon's wisdom, sent by all the kings of the world, who had heard of his wisdom.

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# Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activity

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Steven S. Johnson, 44, Crofton, was arrested Feb. 3. He was charged with probation violation (Christian County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Troy A. Cotton, 46, Alexander Street, was arrested Feb. 3. He was charged with nonpayment of fines (Hopkins County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Jarrod Adamson, 26, Madisonville, was arrested Feb. 5 at Rosedale Court. He was charged with nonpayment of fines (Hopkins County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Larry T. Gamble, 72, Dawson Springs, was arrested Feb. 5 on Frederick Road. He was charged with four counts of nonpayment of fines (Hopkins County warrants) and theft by deception (Christian County criminal summons). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Rueben M. Martinez, 53, Princeton, was arrested Feb. 6 on East Hall Street. He was charged with first-degree criminal trespassing. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Alesia A. Morse, 50, St. Charles, was arrested Feb. 7. She was charged with three counts of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (Hopkins County warrants). Brad Ross was the charging officer.

—James O. Adamson, 46, Dawson Springs, was arrested Feb. 7. He was charged with trafficking in a second-degree controlled substance. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Clifford L. Barnes, 39, Dawson Springs, was arrested Feb. 7. He was charged with two counts of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

stance. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Sybil M. Crawford, 63, Dawson Springs, was arrested Feb. 7. She was charged with two counts of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Ashley N. Laureano, 28, Dawson Springs, was arrested Feb. 7. She was charged with second-degree hindering prosecution or apprehension, tampering with physical evidence and driving on a DUI suspended license. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider. The charges were the result of an investigation of an incident that occurred Jan. 24.

—Justin M. Franklin, 30, Princeton, was arrested Feb. 2. He was charged with nine counts of theft by deception (cold checks). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Jonathan C. York, 27, homeless, was arrested Feb. 8 at 306 W. Hall St. He was charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (Caldwell County warrant) and parole violation (Caldwell County warrant). Brad Ross was the charging officer.

—Hamby D. Rose, 37, Dawson Springs, was served a Hopkins County criminal summons Feb. 9. He was charged with second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. Chief Bill Crider was the charging officer.

A local woman was charged by the Madisonville Police Department:

—Holly J. Burns, 25, 200 E. Munn St., No. 6, was charged Feb. 9 with two counts of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (barbiturates) on two Hopkins County warrants.

# One-Car Collision On Ice Leads To Driver's Arrest

A Madisonville woman was charged Monday by Kentucky State Police after the investigation of a single-vehicle injury collision on North Main Street in Nortonville.

The preliminary investigation revealed the vehicle driven by Violet D. Rickard, 47, of Madisonville, lost traction on the ice, left the road and overturned, coming to rest on its top. Rickard was not injured in the crash. Her son, Joshua C. Rickard, 27, of Earlington, a passenger in the vehicle, was transported by ambulance to Baptist Health Madisonville where he was treated and released. A second passenger, Mark A. Woodruff, 37, of Madisonville, reported no

injuries. All occupants were wearing seat belts.

During further investigation, Violet Rickard was determined to be impaired. She was arrested and charged with DUI, possession of an open alcoholic container in a motor vehicle, improper display of registration plate, no registration plate, no registration receipt and no insurance. Joshua Rickard was also arrested as a result of outstanding warrants. Both were lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

Trooper Nathan Craft investigated the crash. Trooper Jonathan Murphy, Nortonville Fire and Rescue and Medical Center Ambulance Service assisted at the scene.

# KSP Issues Warnings Of Latest Cell Phone Scam

The Kentucky State Police is warning cell phone users to be aware of a new scam called The One-Ring Scam. Better Business Bureaus across the country are seeing a rash of reports of "ring and runs" on cell phones where returning a missed call from an unknown number may cost consumers.

KSP spokesman Sgt. Michael Webb says scammers profit from individuals who are curious enough to return that missed call.

"A computer program originating outside the U.S. dials American customers and lets the phone ring one or two times before hanging up," said Webb. "This is enough time to register on a phone's missed calls screen but typically not enough time for a user to actually answer. Many people who receive a missed call will return the call, and that is when their

account is charged approximately \$20 for the call and \$9 for every additional minute."

BBB experts say this is called "phone cramming," when automated dialers send out thousands of calls to random numbers. Most of the area codes are from the Caribbean Islands, but BBB says there is no way for them really to know where the calls are coming from.

Webb advises citizens to refrain from returning calls they do not recognize.

"We are encouraging people to review their cell phone statements and contact their cellular carrier immediately if they notice unauthorized charges," said Webb.

The following is a list of area codes the BBB said is connected with the scam: Dominican Republic, 809; Jamaica, 876; British Virgin Islands, 284; Grenada, 473; Aruba, 297; and Antigua, 268.

# KET Lists Upcoming Program

On Saturday's Louisville Life, host Candyce Clift features the architecture of Bowman Field Terminal and the Levy building, the 87-year-old Loop Bar-

ber Shop, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and the musical group Appalatin. Louisville Life can be seen at 6:30 p.m. on KET.



HOLDING sections of a caterpillar the kindergarten class created Wednesday, Jan. 29, while celebrating 100 days of school are (front, from left)

Hailey Cole and Trevor McKnight; (back) Meleah Greenfield, Bryson Coggins, Ben Menser, Saydee Cowan, and Andrew Humphrey.

# Earlington Man Arrested Following Routine Stop

A traffic stop by Kentucky State Police resulted in the arrest of an Earlington man Friday.

Trooper Joseph Bartolotti stopped Matthew R. Ashby for driving carelessly. During the traffic stop, Ashby did not have an operator's license or insurance card in

his possession. Bartolotti also determined that Ashby was under the influence of drugs. A plastic baggie containing a white powdery substance, which was seized and field tested positive for cocaine, was located in the vehicle. Ashby also had an unlabeled prescription pill

bottle containing five unknown pills on his person.

Ashby was arrested without incident and charged with the following offenses: careless driving, license to be in possession, failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle, failure to produce insurance card, operating a motor ve-

hicle under the influence of alcohol, having a prescription controlled substance not in a proper container, possession of a third-degree controlled substance (drug unspecified) and possession of a first-degree controlled substance (cocaine). He was lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

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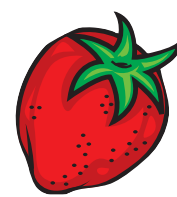
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# Housing Rehabilitation Applications Available At City Hall

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requirements. Six houses a year are eligible for rehabilitation. The owner must live in the home or be able to live in it once the improvements are made.

Sewell said she has spoken with a couple who may be interested in selling appliances and furnishings. This is one of the top three areas

identified as a need in the leakage report discussed at the January meeting. Chris Wooldridge with the Murray State University Small Business Development Center will send Sewell an in depth report with explicit instructions on merchandising these types of products.

Upcoming events include a Murder Mystery Theater Feb. 22. The Dawson

Springs Museum and Art Center will reopen in March with the annual exhibit by art students in the local schools.

Plans are underway for Mule and Draft Horse Days which will take place in Dawson Springs on April 26. The event will feature a cruise-in, antique tractors and equipment and a wagon ride. Numerous craft vendors will also sell their prod-

ucts.

The promotion committee is also working toward other community events such as Derby for the Darby and the Independence Day celebration. Kenny Thomas said the date for the annual antique scooter and motorbike festival has been changed to June 19–21.

Sewell brought up the spring Spruce Up Dawson

Springs campaign in which Whalen wants to involve the school. He would like classes and clubs to form teams to assist residents with sprucing up their property. Whalen sees involvement in SUDS as a schoolwide project so that every interested student can join a work group. Adults with pickup trucks for hauling would also be involved, he said.

Sewell agreed this would not only be good for the community but would also a learning experience for children and young adults. She will check on the date for the event which is usually coordinated with Hopkins County.

The next chamber meeting will be held at noon March 11 at the Darby House.



MINIATURE icicles hanging from the branches of this tree (left) on Pine Street Wednesday, Feb. 5, and a red cardinal (right) sitting on the branches of another



icy tree, also on Pine Street, remind us of the beauty of wintertime in spite of the icy and snowy conditions.

## Winter Weather Cancels Classes, Causes Some Power Outages

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the threat of inclement weather did not materialize. Whalen said the radar early Monday morning indicated a snow storm would likely hit at approximately 7 a.m. — just when buses were on the road and staff members were traveling to

work.

“It looked pretty substantial on radar,” Whalen said. “If I’m going to make a mistake, it’s going to be on the safe side.”

The snow-covered lawns and trees sparkling with ice were pretty to look at but made for hazardous driving conditions. According

to a report in The Times Leader, six local residents were involved in a single-vehicle accident east of Princeton Saturday. Tammy Huddleston, 45, of Dawson Springs, struck an icy spot on the road and lost control of her vehicle which hit an earth embankment and overturned. Huddleston was assisted

from her vehicle but refused treatment. Her five passengers, Virginia Berry, 24; Thomas Parker, 20; Dakota Berry, 6; Isaiah Berry, 5; and Makinzy Berry, 3, were uninjured. All occupants of the vehicle were wearing seat belts or using child restraints.

With Winter Storm Pax, the

16th named storm of the season, sweeping through the Southeast, Western Kentucky may finally have caught a break. Highs above freezing are forecast for the rest of the week. A period of light rain is possible Saturday afternoon with a high that day of 53 degrees.

## Bridge Contract Awarded

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ern shore, to just east of Kentucky Lake, where the project will connect to the four-lane roadway in the Land Between The Lakes. In the Lake Barkley area, the project will widen about 1.5 miles of U.S. 68/KY 80 from two lanes to four lanes from just west of Lake Barkley to just east of the lake.

Like the Eggners Ferry, the Lawrence Memorial Bridge, also built in 1932, no longer meets traffic demands in the region. Plans for the new bridge over Lake Barkley call for a design similar to that of the new Kentucky Lake bridge — four traffic lanes instead of two, with shoulders and a bicycle/pedestrian lane.

The recent award is the second for the Kentucky

Lake project, which consisted of two construction contracts. The first, awarded earlier this year to Jim Smith Contracting, of Grand Rivers, was to construct the fill for the western and eastern causeways in the location of the new bridge alignment. Part of the \$25 million project also included a new bridge over a lagoon on the west side of Kentucky Lake, just north of U.S. 68/KY 80 and adjacent to the Kenlake State Resort Park campground. Work still continues on this portion of the project.

Once completed, the Lakes Bridges Project will provide a continuous, four-lane route from Aurora to Cadiz, crossing both lakes and Land Between The Lakes. It also will be part of a four-lane corridor from Mayfield to Bowling Green.

## Schools Join Health Initiative

From Kentucky Health News

Fifty-four of Kentucky’s 173 school districts have joined a national initiative to increase physical activity in schools, and school officials hope other school districts will soon join in.

Let’s Move Active Schools is a program that encourages schools to create active environments to get all students moving; helps promote physical activity before, during and after school; and encourages parent and community involvement in helping students become healthier, says a state Department of Education press release.

Kentucky has one of the highest childhood obesity rates in the country, 18 percent, and 35.7 percent of those aged 10-17 are considered either overweight or obese, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Children need at least 60 minutes of daily physical activity, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Studies show that students who get regular physical activity do better in school. Because kids spend so many hours at school, it is considered a great place to make sure they are getting the exercise they need.

The program, part of First Lady Michelle Obama’s effort to fight child obesity,

also offers support to teachers as they work to align their physical activity programs with program expectations.

County school districts that have joined the initiative are Anderson, Barren, Boone, Bourbon, Bullitt, Butler, Daviess, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Fort Knox, Graves, Grayson, Greenup, Hancock, Hardin, Hart, Henderson, Henry, Hopkins, Jefferson, Jessamine, Kenton, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Logan, Madison, Morgan, Nelson, Ohio, Oldham, Owen, Perry, Pike, Rockcastle, Rowan, Spencer, Trigg, Warren, Wayne, Whitley, Wolfe and Woodford.

Independent school districts in the program are Ashland, Bardstown, Beechwood, Berea, Caverna, Covington, Glasgow, Newport, Russell and Williamstown.

The Catholic schools in Louisville that have joined are Holy Spirit School, Notre Dame Academy and St. Gabriel the Archangel. Saint Pius X in Northern Kentucky has also joined the program.

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THIS happy snowman created on South Main Street Wednesday, Feb. 5, makes up for his lack of beauty with a lot of personality.

## Kentucky State Police Post 2 Releases Report

For the month of January, Kentucky State Police Post 2 issued a total of 1,629 citations, 499 speeding citations, 140 seat belt citations, four child restraint citations and 617 courtesy notices. They arrested 28 impaired drivers, investigated 75 traffic crashes, assisted 189 stranded motorists,

responded to 830 calls for service, made 263 criminal arrests and opened 61 criminal cases.

Three fatal crashes that resulted in the loss of three lives were reported in the Post 2 District in January. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Caldwell, Christian and Hopkins counties.

One victim was not wearing a seat belt; one victim was not wearing a helmet; and one victim was a pedestrian.

Through Jan. 31, 2013, four people had been killed in four crashes in the Post 2 District.

Throughout the month, troopers from Post 2 will

conduct traffic safety checkpoints. The traffic safety checkpoints are utilized to promote safety for motorists and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws.

For traffic safety checkpoint locations, refer to [www.kentuckystatepolice.org/posts/press/post2\\_checkpoints.htm](http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/posts/press/post2_checkpoints.htm).



ABOUT TOWN By Scott

# Some Jobs Are Tough In Winter

The winter of 2014 has tried the patience of many in our area, including us here at The Dawson Springs Progress.

We know things can always get worse, but the main thing we remember is the weather is about to get better — or at least it's time for it to.

However, as we said, it's not just we who have had our patience put to the test and are ready for this winter to pass.

How would you like to be the school superintendent in Dawson Springs and be responsible for the safety of not only the children who attend school here, but also for the many employees and volunteers who make their way to school each weekday morning. Most of us are very happy we don't have Lenny Whalen's job when snow and ice are in the area.

And how would you like to have the city street department (and state highway department) employees' jobs? They must get up early (or stay late) in order to clean our roads on cold, snowy mornings when most of us would prefer the warmth of our own homes and beds.

There aren't many volunteering to work for the City Water & Sewer System or South Hopkins Water District when their employees are busy late at night with near zero temperatures and their hands in a rather large mud hole filled with freezing water when they try to patch a water leak.

All these individuals deserve our thanks for the jobs they do during this time of year. And, most of them do not receive the pats on the back they deserve.

Hopefully, each and every one of these hard working individuals will consider this a very deserving pat on the back. Thanks for all you do for the citizens of Dawson Springs. You are all appreciated for jobs well done — and you all have done your job very well this winter.

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Beth and I have been able to visit Clara Kate, our new granddaughter, once so far (after being there when the beautiful little girl was born). It's good to report she is beautiful, highly intelligent and we expect her to be saying her ABCs and counting to 100 very soon.

Pictures are available for viewing. Just ask.

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These words all have something in common, can you figure out what it is?

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

Answer: If you take the first letter of each word, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.

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Clara's parents will learn many new things in the days and years ahead. Here are some things other parents have learned from their kids...

— If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.

— A 3-year-old's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.

— If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42-pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20 by 20 foot room.

— You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using the ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.

— The glass in windows (even double pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.

— When you hear the toilet flush and the words "Uh-oh," it's already too late.

— Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.

— A 6-year-old can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36-year-old man says they can only do that in the movies.

— Certain Legos will pass through the digestive tract of a 4-year-old.

— Super glue is forever.

— No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool you still can't walk on water.

— Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.

— Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when the car is driven.

— You probably do not want to know what that odor is.

— Always look in the oven before you turn it on. Plastic toys do not like ovens.

— The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy. It will however make cats dizzy.

— The mind of a 6-year-old is wonderful.

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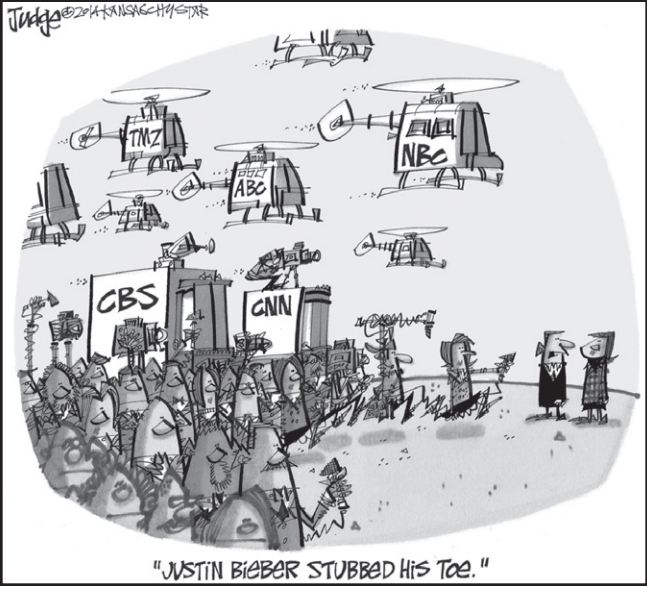
—Shortly after the birth of the second child, a husband offered to take his wife shopping for a new dress.

He endured more than two hours of listening to her complaints about which figure flaw each dress accentuated.

As she emerged from the dressing room, having tried on the last selection, she asked for her husband's opinion. By this time he had just the right things to say.

"It's perfect!" he exclaimed. "It makes your waist look smaller, your legs look longer and slenderizes your hips."

Just then another lady in the dressing room spoke out. "If there is a dress here that will do that, I'll buy them all!"



## COMMENTARY

# Local Option Could Help

By Bill Samuels  
Chairman Emeritus  
Maker's Mark

Cities and counties small and large across Kentucky have big dreams for their communities — ideas that are transformative and can have lasting impact for generations.

Bardstown wants to build a YMCA to help keep its citizens healthy. Eastern Kentucky communities dream of transforming the region into a destination attracting hunters, anglers, campers and adventure tourists. Louisville hopes to build a 100-mile hiking and biking path across the city — the type of amenity that attracts young people and entrepreneurs who start businesses and grow the state's economy.

But those same cities and counties have been struggling for years to pay for basic needs, from paving roads to picking up trash to policing the streets — and with the rising costs of pensions, local government budgets are experiencing an even tighter financial squeeze. Few communities have much, if anything, left over to invest in capital improvements, such as modern firehouses, improved park or pool facilities, or new roads and sidewalks.

Kentucky's Constitution limits revenue options for cities and counties, and when fixed costs escalate, our local communities are left with few options to provide the outstanding services and amenities that citizens expect and deserve.

But legislation being considered during this year's General Assembly could change that in a significant way. Local Investments for Transformation (LIFT) is a simple but powerful tool for cities and counties that want to invest in their future through the use of a temporary local option sales tax.

It gives the decision-making power to the people.

For Hopkins County a local option sales tax of one percent would yield at least \$2,544,068 yearly, according to state data. Imagine what that money, if invested in specific projects important to your community, could mean to your city or county.

How does it work? The local option allows citizens to fund specific hometown capital projects with an additional 1 percent sales tax. The people vote "yes" or "no" on the projects and the tax. If approved, that additional one percent stays at home in a separate, restricted fund. Also, it does not go to Frankfort and cannot go into your local government's general fund — and it would not be collected on food, medicine, utilities or automobiles. Most importantly, the 1 percent would go away when the projects are completed. And, if people vote no, there is no tax and no project.

This is a proven tool that works well in other places. In fact, 37 states already allow for this type of local decision making. Kentuckians should have the same right, but we must first amend the Kentucky Constitution. State Senate and House members must vote to put the question of the local option on a statewide referendum. We are calling on the General Assembly to act this session so Kentuckians can vote on whether to amend the constitution in November 2014.

If that constitutional amendment is approved, cities and counties could then decide to bring a local referendum to their voters to fund projects in their communities. The local option is direct democracy in action. We all know that the government closest to the people

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OTHER EDITORS

# Web Sites Are Not For Public Notices

Public Notices have long been required to be published in newspapers across the country and for many good reasons. However, if Senate Bill 101, filed this year by state Sen. Chris McDaniel, who represents District 23 that covers part of Kenton County, and co-sponsored by state Sen. Whitney West-erfield, representing District 3 that includes Christian, Logan and Todd counties, passes, local governments will have the option to post their public notices on their own Web sites and only publish a small ad in the newspaper directing the public to the government agencies' Web sites.

The problem with this proposed bill is that it takes away four key elements of public notices. The four key elements that newspapers provide through public notices are independence, archiving, accessibility and verifiability.

Independence: Do we really want our government agencies to post their own legal ads on the Internet? There should always be a

third-party watch dog with neutral interest overseeing public notices and providing independent proof of notification. Also placing the responsibility of notifying the public in the hands of government officials is just opening up the door for abuse.

Archiving: Currently most public notices are required to be published in local newspapers. By publishing in print, there will always be physical proof that serves as an authentic record for now and years to come. The Internet doesn't provide a reliable history.

Accessibility: The proposed bill states that all public notices will be posted on the Internet for easy access. That sounds good, but the U.S. Census reports that only 64 percent of Americans ages 18 and older, and only 35 percent of Americans older than 65, use the Internet. Add to those numbers the fact that rural parts of America, including Eastern Kentucky, don't have Internet service readily available

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## LOOKING BACK

### 10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

**10 Years Ago**  
(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004.)  
Seniors Danny Cunningham and Cassie Abbott were crowned Dawson Springs High School Homecoming king and queen at Friday night's basketball game.  
Panther boys used defense to upset Lyon County 52-47.  
The funeral for Ollie Raymond Russell, 83, was held Saturday afternoon, Feb. 7, at Beshear Funeral Home.

**25 Years Ago**  
(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Feb. 9, 1989.)  
A surprise birthday party was given Sunday, Jan. 29, for Mrs. Lovie Young at her home for her 85th birthday.  
Frankie Dale Galloway was born Tuesday, Jan. 31, at the Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. He weighed 11 pounds and 13 ounces.  
Last rites for John "Clyde" Thorpe, 91, were held Saturday afternoon, Feb. 4, at Beshear Funeral Home.  
The funeral for Mrs. Anna Vera Miller, 86, was held Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 7, at Beshear Funeral Home.  
A graveside service for

James B. Abercrombie was held Thursday afternoon, Feb. 2, at Piney Grove Cemetery.  
The funeral for Carl W. Adcock, 81, was held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 5, at Beshear Funeral Home.

**50 Years Ago**  
(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Feb. 13, 1964.)  
A new drug store will open here in about three weeks it was announced by Don Peeler who owns Peeler's Pharmacy in Madisonville.  
LuCinda Jo Lanham celebrated her sixth birthday Saturday, Feb. 8, in the educational building at the First Methodist Church.  
Dawn Mechelle Lyons was born Monday, Jan. 27, at the Hopkins County Hospital. She weighed six pounds and six ounces.  
Last rites were conducted for Mrs. Mary Brown, 84, Wednesday afternoon at Beshear Funeral Home.  
Funeral services for James Earsley Robards, 68, Sunday afternoon at the Lafayette Church.

## MOMENTS IN TIME

• On Feb. 11, 1858, Marie-Bernarde Soubroux, a 14-year-old French peasant girl, claims to have seen the Virgin Mary. The apparitions occurred in a grotto of a rock promontory near Lourdes, France. Today millions of people travel to Lourdes every year to visit the grotto, whose waters supposedly have curative powers.

• On Feb. 12, 1912, Hsian-T'ung, the last emperor of China, is forced to abdicate. A provisional government was established in his place, ending 267 years of Manchu rule in China and 2,000 years of imperial rule. The former emperor was only 6 years old.

• On Feb. 16, 1923 in Thebes, Egypt, English archaeologist Howard Carter enters the sealed burial chamber of the ancient Egyptian ruler King Tutankhamen. The chamber was virtually intact, with its treasures and the perfectly preserved mummy of King Tut untouched after more than 3,000 years.

• On Feb. 13, 1945, the most controversial episode in the Allied air war against Germany begins as hundreds of British bombers descend on Dresden, Germany. With two days, the city was a smoldering ruin.

• On Feb. 15, 1950, Walt Disney's animated feature "Cinderella" opens in theaters. Disney's full-length animated feature films began in 1937 with "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Disney had risked \$1.5 million of his own money on the venture.

• On Feb. 14, 1962, President John F. Kennedy authorizes U.S. military advisers in Vietnam to return fire if fired upon. Kennedy was acknowledging that U.S. forces were involved in the fighting, but he wished to downplay any appearance of increased American involvement in the war.




• On Feb. 10, 1996, after three hours, world chess champion Gary Kasparov loses the first game of a six-game match against Deep Blue, an IBM computer capable of evaluating 200 million moves per second. Kasparov was ultimately victorious and bested Deep Blue with three wins and two ties and took home the \$400,000 prize.

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# Eastern Kentucky Coal Jobs Continued To Fall In 2013

By Bill Estep  
Lexington Herald-Leader

Coal production and jobs in Eastern Kentucky continued to fall in the final three months of 2013, leaving regional employment in the industry at an historic low. Coal mines and preparation plants in the state's beleaguered eastern coalfield laid off 2,232 employees in 2013, leaving an average of only 7,332 people with jobs from October through December, according to a report released Feb. 4 by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet.

As recently as the summer of 2011, a quarterly average of 14,285 people worked in the coal industry in Eastern Kentucky. Jobs began to edge down after that, however, and then plummeted beginning in mid-2012, according to state figures.

Frank Dixon, of Lynch, is one of the thousands of miners who lost their jobs. He has looked unsuccessfully for another coal job since being laid off as a mechanic at a mine in December 2012. "There is nothing here — literally nothing," said Dixon, 51. "I've never seen it this way."

Dixon said his last unemployment extension ran out in December. The father of two said recently that he has no income, but hopes he can line up odd jobs such as cutting grass for members of the Baptist church he attends.

He doesn't want to leave the area. It's home, and his 77-year-old mother lives nearby, where he can check on her daily.

Dixon said he had paid off his house and vehicles before he was laid off, but many other miners weren't able to do that.

"I have seen a lot of people really, really struggle bad," he said.

The job and production numbers released Tuesday tell very different stories about the state's two distinct coalfields.

Western Kentucky's coal industry finished 2013 only 94 jobs under where it started, a decline of just 2.1 percent compared to the annual decline of 23.4 percent in Eastern Kentucky.

Statewide, there are fewer people employed in coal mining than at any point since the state started tracking the number in 1927. Nearly all the losses have been in Eastern Kentucky.

An estimated 11,781 people had jobs in the coal industry statewide as of December, according to the state report.

On the production side, total tonnage statewide was 80.7 million tons in 2013. That was down 11.6 percent from 2012, according to the state report.

Production fell 19.2 percent in Eastern Kentucky, compared to 2.8 percent in the western coalfield.

Underground production increased by 2.8 percent in Western Kentucky for the year, but surface mining fell by more than 23 percent.

Union County, in Western Kentucky, cemented its spot

as the state's largest coal producer in 2013, at more than 13.2 million tons.

Eastern Kentucky's Pike County, for decades the state's largest producer, finished 2013 in the No. 2 spot, with 10.8 million tons.

Coal production statewide in 2013 was down more than a third from the 2008 level of 121 million tons.

Many people in Eastern Kentucky believe tougher federal rules to protect air and water quality are to blame for the sharp downturn in coal production and jobs, but analysts say the picture is more complex.

Environmental policies have played a role in the decline, but so have competition from low-priced natural gas and coal from other parts of the country, the depletion of coal reserves in Eastern Kentucky, and higher mining costs in the region.

Federal analysts have predicted coal production in the region that includes Eastern Kentucky will not return to the 2008 level in a projection window that extends to 2040.

The installation of pollution-control equipment since the 1970s created renewed opportunities in recent years for utilities to use higher-sulfur coal from Western Kentucky at power plants.

Federal analysts predict coal production will increase in the region that includes Western Kentucky.

As recently as the first quarter of 2007, Eastern Kentucky produced 22.3 million tons of coal, compared to 7.5 million in Western Kentucky.

By the fourth quarter of 2013, Western Kentucky produced 9.9 million tons, compared to 9.1 million tons for Eastern Kentucky, according to the state report.



**SHELIA VINCENT** delivers mail on Oak Heights Wednesday, Feb. 5, despite the snow, ice, and frigid temperatures.

## Driver Crashes Into Second Kroger 15 Years After Crashing First Time

By Neal Cardin  
The News-Enterprise

A woman drove a car through the front doors of Kroger on Dolphin Drive in Elizabethtown Feb. 5, sending glass, metal, grocery stock and cash register counters flying. The crash injured two and left the car at rest in a checkout lane several feet inside the store.

Broken glass covered the floor in the foyer and the area where the car came to rest. A checkout counter was pushed farther inside the store than its normal location, striking shelves in two different aisles. Shoppers gathered, snapping photos and talking about the situation as police took witness statements.

Kroger remained open for business as emergency personnel worked the scene, which had yellow police tape blocking the area around the crash.

Sissy Seidl of Magnolia was waiting for her husband to finish checking out a few lanes down when the car smashed into the building.

"I heard it and saw it come through the doors," Seidl said. "Glass was flying, and I saw it hit one person. I don't know if (the driver) even hit the brakes or not."

Seidl had already given her statement to police and was surveying the scene

again before leaving.

Hardin County EMS transported one customer from the scene with non-life threatening injuries and another customer refused treatment, according to Elizabethtown Police Sgt. Dan Kelly.

Elizabethtown police identified the driver as June Blocker, 52, of Elizabethtown. The car is a 2006 Lincoln. Police said a Kroger manager detained Blocker until police arrived. She was taken into custody for questioning and a field sobriety test.

Police will review security tapes and talk to witnesses as part of the investigation and will determine if criminal charges will be filed, Kelly said. Police will not determine if the crash was intentional until the investigation concludes, he said.

Blocker also was involved in a similar incident 15 years ago after she drove a Ford Mustang through the front window of Kroger on Towne Drive. In that case, Blocker was charged with four counts of first-degree wanton endangerment and one count of first-degree criminal mischief.

In the prior incident in 1999, police told The News-Enterprise that Blocker previously was an employee of Kroger on Towne Drive and was barred from the store for making threats against other

employees and a manager.

Blocker's car entered the store through the sliding glass doors marked as "exit" at the front of the building, continued through the foyer where grocery carts are stored and through another set of sliding glass doors immediately behind the checkout counter.

## Local Option

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is the best government, and this is citizen-driven, local decision-making at its best.

The local option has gained significant momentum and support from Gov. Steve Beshear, local elected and civic leaders in small towns, large cities, and rural communities. It has the support of county judges, mayors, business executives and economic development groups and it's been endorsed by regional and statewide groups ranging from the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and several local chambers to the Kentucky League of Cities and the Kentucky Association of Counties.

Please call your legislators in Frankfort (1-800-372-7181) and tell them that Kentuckians deserve the right to control their own future, and we need the local option to make it happen.

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## Web Sites Not For Notices

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or that they have no reliable service, and all of those people could be left without access to public notices. Local newspapers provide access for all segments of society.

Verifiability: By publishing public notices in local

newspapers, the public has been properly notified according to the law in a timely manner and can be verified by a sworn affidavit. Websites and Internet postings are subject to hackers and serious security issues, making them legally vulnerable. Public notice content could also be changed after the fact. With printed newspapers, that's not possible.

The main argument for online public notices is that it doesn't cost as much money as publishing them in the local newspaper. However, the senators are forgetting that with this proposed legislation, each government agency would have to have its own Web site and have someone manage that Web site, which costs money too.

Leaving public notices in the hands of a third-party, reliable source that has a proven track record for over a century just makes good sense. Local newspapers have provided a single, convenient location for citizens to find public notices at an affordable cost. Letting government agencies be responsible for posting their own public notices on their own Web sites is asking for corruption of the system.

—The Kentucky Standard

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# Cal's Best Weapon Against Apathy: 'Take A Seat'

## SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



BOB WATKINS

A roll call of college ball coaches in Kentucky who under-estimated, ignored or simply could not see past a McDonald's all-star list, the number of high school basketball stars worthy of college ball at home, would be too long and embarrassing.

One of the finest who got away was Glen Combs at Carr Creek in 1964.

Morton Combs' kid went to Virginia Tech, became a star and earned a nickname, The Kentucky Rifle. Then he went on to a seven-year distinguished professional career.

Kentuckians were deprived of seeing maybe the finest perimeter shootist who never played college ball at home.

Combs will come home to visit Feb. 20. To be honored before a Knott County Central basketball game. I hope a standing-room-only crowd comes to honor Combs.

Fans around Knott County will get to see, maybe shake hands with one of best ever who didn't make a McDonald's all-star list, but became The Kentucky Rifle, made a few dollars in professional ball.

Glen Combs is coming home.

### UK: Groundhog Day ... again?

Talent-rich Kentucky should have smashed undermanned Mississippi State. It didn't.

As Aaron Harrison, then Jarrod Polson stood dribbling the basketball and pointing to teammates at Starkville in half-court sets, I wondered, is this Groundhog Day again? Haven't we seen this movie before?

A decade ago, February, 2004 ... Rajon Rondo stood near top of the circle, dribbling and pointing. Often a prelude to a Rondo solo. Half court sets.

In Kentucky's world of fast break basketball, the B-word surfaced soon enough. Boring. Strangely, it was attached not to Rondo, but became a legacy for Dr. Orlando Tubby Smith.

Fast forward to February, 2014 — Kentucky won at Starkville by 10. Lots of dribbling and pointing while the coach ranted and bellowed. Not even the home fans seemed to enjoy it much.

The more things change, the more they stay the same, it

seems to me.

Another mid-February has come and preseason No. 1 ranked Kentucky is ranked No. 12; attendance figures at Rupp Arena are down, even with UK officials' fuzzy math; and UK is projected as a four seed in West Region for the NCAA tournament.

Calipari's one-and-doners are sliding, too. The NBA mock draft board February 4 warms speculation on transfers and/or a roster logjam next season. Julius Randle ranks seventh, James Young 12th with Willie Cauley-Stein, Aaron and Andrew Harrison and Alex Poythress gone from the top 60.

The good news? Upside down theme after Starkville. Seniors rescue freshmen. Polson played 30 minutes and John Hood took advantage of his moments. Together, they were responsible for whatever rhythm and stretches of respectable play the Wildcats managed.

Curiously, since the best leverage a ball coach has is, "take a seat, young man," Calipari resorts to screaming frequently on his McDonald's All-Americans whose expressions seem blank.

"... I don't get it," Calipari mused. "But then that's what happens when you're a young team."

Maybe the weight of a national columnist assessment earlier this week will impact: "We're getting late enough in the year that they should no longer be able to hide behind the youth excuse."

Meanwhile, does it seem like Groundhog Day all over again to anyone else?

### Hilltoppers juggernaut?

Trency Jackson ran laterally across backcourt, took an inbounds pass, dribbled over the center line, left sideline, stopped at 30-something and fired. Ball in air, horn sounded. Bang!

No imaginary finish in the backyard at home, but the distance of Jackson's 3-pointer will increase with time. More important, it let Western Kentucky steal one on the road at Arkansas-Little Rock and add sparkle to what's becoming magical season for the Hilltoppers.

Western's one-point escape adds to a growing list of One Shining Moment(s) and could lead to a third-in-a-row invite to the NCAA Tournament next month. And, shorten odds favorite for Sun Belt coach of the year? Ray Harper.

### Mark Stoops smokes 'em

Kentucky's recruiting class has been ranked 17th best in

college football.

✓ Stole one from Alabama (Matt Elam) and stole lineman Loyd Tubman from Penn State at the end.

Coach Mark Stoops ...

✓ "To sign the top four guys in (Kentucky) this year was very important to us."

✓ Signed 15 defensive players; 13 offensive including four linemen.

"So the seven guys (who) are here are, off to a good start. Very excited about this group."

### How to handle it dept.

A college basketball player went into the stands and pushed a fan last week. The ugly implications were written on the startled, disbelieving face of a female fan at the scene.

Oklahoma State's Marcus Smart accused portly Jeff Orr of a racial slur, the fan denied it and it was left for officials at Texas Tech and Oklahoma State to defuse the incident quickly. They did. Smart apologized and was suspended three games. Orr apologized and will not attend any more games this season.

Those with connections to Kentucky handled the incident well also.

✓ Oklahoma State coach Travis Ford (Madisonville) sent his player to a news conference to man-up, apologize for shoving a fan.

✓ Ford took media questions, using the moment to express "unwavering support" for his player, but put emphasis where it belonged "... we can all learn from this mistake."

Says here, we had better.

✓ And, ESPN analyst Darrin Horn credited Oklahoma State for "owning it," (the incident) and reminded Smart (and viewers), "to whom much is given, much is expected," explaining that players cannot react to fan insults.

### Parting shot

New call to arms theme that could emerge and appeal to teevee talking heads and stay awhile for football at Kentucky could be: Why Not Us?

And so it goes.

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# In Spite Of Weather, It's Time To Prepare For Fishing Season

By Lee McClellan

With much of Kentucky covered in a sundae made of snow topped with a crust of ice, fishing season seems millennia away.

The sun gets higher in the southern sky with each passing day; it is only a matter of time before this horrible weather pattern breaks. Use this dark and cold time to prepare for the inevitable coming of the spring fishing season.

Get your gear organized. While we change lures or rigs in haste while fishing, most of us just shove things such as bags of soft plastic lures, jigs or leaders into the first pocket in our tackle bag we find.

For most anglers, the tackle bag goes onto a shelf in the garage in fall until fishing season begins the next spring. Take the time now to get out all of your tackle and go through it. Throw away torn up soft plastic lures, replace worn spinner-bait or jig skirts and put everything back where it belongs. Then, you can actually find the lures or tackle when you need them this spring.

Organizing your tackle is especially important if you fish for different species from different platforms such as fishing from a motor boat for largemouth bass, wading for trout in the Cumberland River or floating for stream smallmouth bass in a canoe or kayak. Your tackle and lures easily grow into mish-mash by the end of the fishing year.

Use closeout season to upgrade your fishing rods or reels. The large catalog outfitters routinely clearance many of their fishing items at this time of year to make room for new models. Earlier models of reels or rods usually perform just as well as the new models. Remember, those same rods and reels were cutting edge when they debuted on the market, usually just a couple of years ago. You can often find them at a steep discount, sometimes 50 percent or more off the original price right now.

This is a great time to buy closeout lures as well as steeply discounted fishing waders, wade boots and fishing vests. It is

## Minnow In Lake Cumberland Makes The Big Time

By Bill Mardis, Commonwealth Journal

A little minnow in Lake Cumberland has made the big time. Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell on the U.S. Senate floor pointed a finger at policies of President Barack Obama's administration, accusing it of siding with the tiny duskytail darter over the economic well-being of thousands of southeastern Kentuckians.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced the level of Lake Cumberland won't return to normal operation this summer because in its headwaters are duskytail darters, a 2 1/2-inch-long minnow on the federal endangered species list.

"The absurdity of the Obama Administration's posture on this issue is manifest. First, the Administration is protecting a fish from water," McConnell suggested.

"Let me repeat that ... radical environmentalists in the Obama Administration don't want this fish to be exposed to too much water. What next? Protecting birds from too much sky? To the people of southeastern Kentucky the President's 'Year of Action' is apparently beneficial only if you happen to have gills."

McConnell sounded in a filibuster mood.

"Mr. President, the story of the darter would be humorous if it weren't so harmful to the economic well-being of thousands of Kentuckians. The misguided policy will have harmful consequences for this region of Kentucky."

McConnell during his speech outlined economic benefits of Lake Cumberland.

"Lake Cumberland is a signature tourist destination in my state, and one of the economic pillars of McCreary, Clinton, Laurel, Russell, Pulaski and Wayne counties," he said. The senator recalled that the lake was lowered in 2007 due to problems at Wolf Creek Dam.

"The past seven years of reduced water levels have not only hurt small businesses that rely on tourism, but have also strained local governments, as towns have had to lower their water intakes. Marinas have had to spend valuable dollars on boat ramp upgrades; dollars that could have been spent on growing businesses, hiring new workers and enhancing local commerce." McConnell also said the lake drawdown has deterred tourism with a misconception among potential visitors that the lake is no longer suitable for boating, fishing and water sports.

"Each year, Lake Cumberland brings to the local community \$200 million in economic activity and employs

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also a good time to buy deer or waterfowl hunting gear at great prices.

The clearance season is a good time for journeyman anglers to specialize their rods and reels. When most of us start fishing, we use one or two rods for all of our fishing, regardless of species sought or water body fished. They are all we have. As fishing experience develops your skill level to a higher plane, the one or two rod approach doesn't work anymore. You don't want to fish jigs in heavy cover for largemouth bass with a light power rod or use a medium-heavy power rod for crappie.

Remember the difference between a rod's power and action. The power of a rod determines what fishing situation the rod's design allows. For example, a light power spinning rod usually handles from 4- to 8-pound test line and lures from 1/16-ounce to 5/16-ounce. This rod is a poor choice for throwing 1/2-ounce jigs into heavy cover for largemouth bass, but great for fishing 1/8-ounce tube jigs for stream small-mouth bass.

The bend point of the rod determines its action. Extra fast action rods bend mostly in the tip section, making them extremely sensitive and good for bottom presentations in deep water. Fast action rods bend mostly in the upper one-third of the rod and provide backbone for hook sets and fighting fish, but still allowing some forgiveness.

Moderate action rods make excellent live bait rods as their softness doesn't rip bait off the hook, but they still have enough strength in the lower half of the rod to battle a fish. A slow action rod bends for most of its length and is used mainly for casting live bait a long distance.

Match the power and action of a rod to the fishing situation when upgrading rods.

on average 6,000 people," McConnell said. "Understandably, those in the local community have been anxious to see water levels return to normal."

The senator said Carolyn Mounce's comment: "Bureaucracy run amok" best describes the situation. He also mentioned Mounce's comments about visitors at travel shows in Louisville and Cincinnati being excited about Lake Cumberland returning to normal levels. Mounce, executive director of Somerset-Pulaski Convention and Visitors Bureau, said she owes boat show visitors an apology for promoting a full Lake Cumberland.

"My friend and colleague, Sen. Rand Paul and I, along with our colleagues in the House, Congressman (Hal) Rogers and (Ed) Whitfield, wrote the Administration calling for an end to this intolerable further delay. I hope the Obama Administration will take heed and concern itself more with endangered jobs and endangered livelihoods of actual Kentuckians than with the possible endangerment of this water-adverse minnow."

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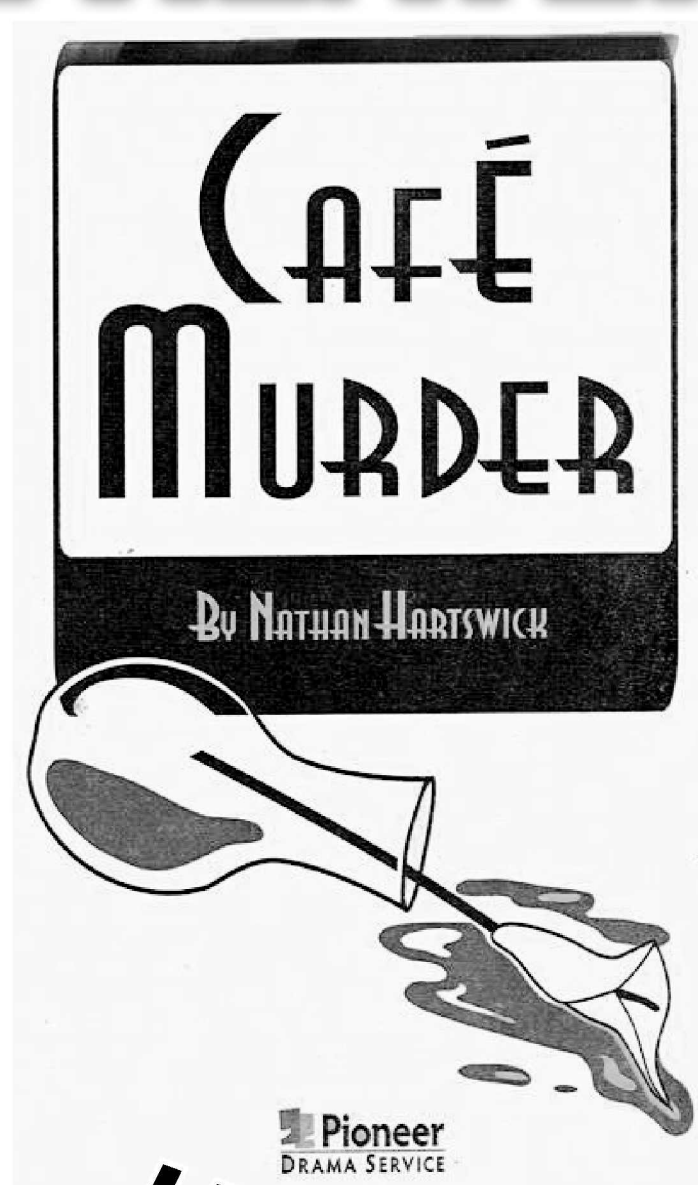
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SKYLAR CLARK (left) puts up a shot as Talon Moore defends.



BRAYDEN BUTLER eyes the basket as he brings the ball up the court.

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ETHAN HUDDLESTON (left) drives the baseline against Ethan Jones (center) and Ethan Stuart.

# YOUTH HOOPS

THE DAWSON SPRINGS YOUTH LEAGUES HAVE BEEN BUSY THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS



ABIGAIL WARD moves with the basketball during recent action in the local youth league.



ZOE HOWTON (right) puts up a shot as Jalyn Hooper (left) and Mattie Huddleston look on.



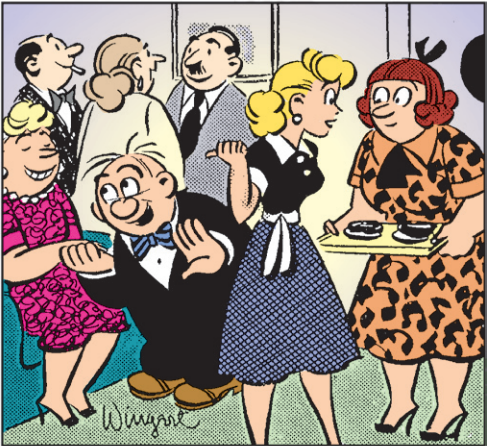
ADDISON WHALEN (left) drives in and pulls up for a shot.



DENISHA RANDOLPH (center, left photo) battles Aubrie Gunn (left) and Sloane Parker (right) for the ball. Above, Brooklyn Clark (left) and Aubrie Gunn vie for possession of the basketball.



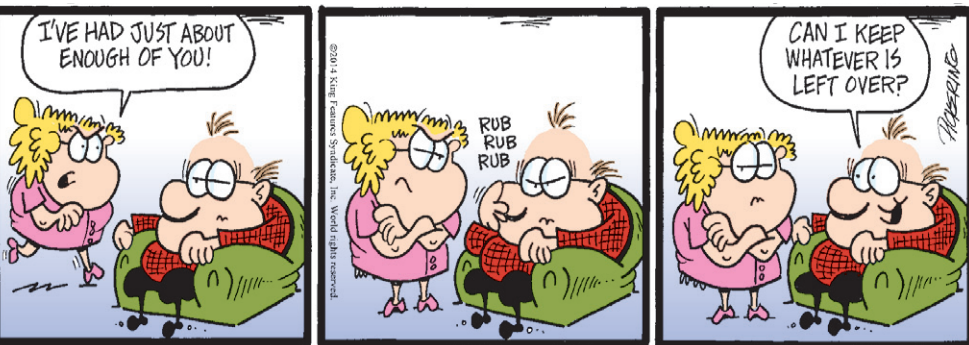
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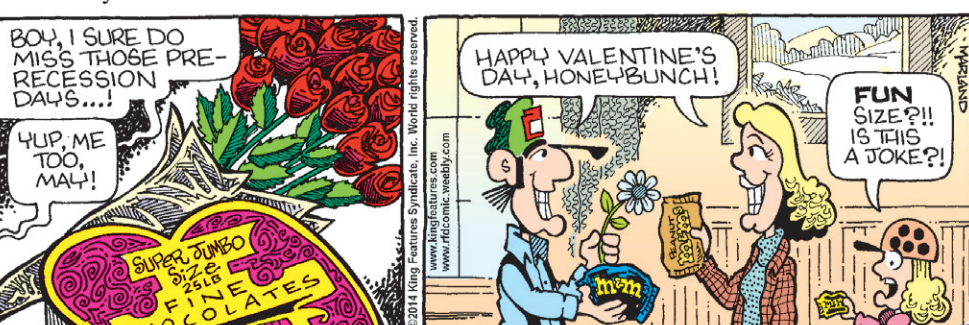
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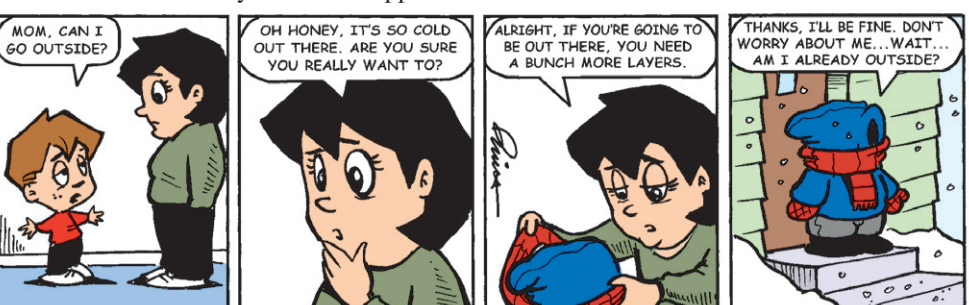
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



MISTER BREGER by Dave Breger



## TRIVIA TEST

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which two South American countries do not border on Brazil?
2. LANGUAGE: What does the word "Volkswagen" mean in German?
3. LITERATURE: What is believed to be Shakespeare's first play, chronologically speaking?
4. TELEVISION: What city was the setting in the TV comedy "Eight is Enough"?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents were born as British subjects?
6. FAMOUS QUOTES: Who said, "The only way to have a friend is to be one"?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: What is venustrophobia?
8. MOVIES: What was the name of the caretaker's cat in the "Harry Potter" movies?
9. AD SLOGANS: What product's advertising slogan is: "Betcha can't eat just one"?

10. BIBLE: How long did Methuselah live, according to the Bible?

### Answers

1. Ecuador and Chile
2. People's car
3. "The Two Gentlemen of Verona"
4. Sacramento
5. Eight -- Washington, J. Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, J.Q. Adams, Jackson and Harrison.
6. Ralph Waldo Emerson
7. A fear of beautiful women
8. Mrs. Norris
9. Lay's potato chips
10. 969 years

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## SUPER CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 Harass
- 7 In the lead
- 12 Fill by force
- 16 —mo replay
- 19 Think creatively
- 20 Has — up one's sleeve
- 21 — fire under (urged to action)
- 22 Zero-star review
- 23 Private retreat for San Francisco NFLers?
- 25 Behaves in the manner of
- 27 Skater Midori —
- 28 Suffix with musket
- 29 Bring pain to
- 30 Openings under desks
- 31 Nick's wife in "The Thin Man"
- 33 Word coined to describe an unnamed Hulk Hogan maneuver?
- 36 Clutches
- 38 Handles, as a matter
- 39 Wish for
- 40 Backyard party, briefly
- 43 Hits, as a fly
- 46 Little bite
- 47 Drag-racing track?
- 53 Month after Mar.
- 54 Olympic sleds
- 56 Berliner's "Alast"
- 57 Rug cleaner
- 59 "King Lear" daughter
- 61 Billies and nannies
- 64 Papa's ma
- 65 Take way too much
- 69 Caustic compounds produced during prenatal exams?
- 73 Softening the cuticles, polishing the nails, etc.?
- 75 Shipbuilding material
- 76 Address for a woman
- 78 Sign after Pisces
- 79 "Pan Am" actress Garner
- 80 Soloist's supporter
- 84 Just-OK grade
- 85 Fatty substance
- 88 Number after uno
- 90 Parties for future wives of rajahs?
- 93 Suffix with benz-
- 94 — saying goes ...
- 96 1980s-'90s legal drama
- 97 Belief in one god
- 100 Staying focused at work
- 104 Multiplied by order
- 108 Studiers of living things in a 1964 Hitchcock film?
- 113 Kansas city east of Wichita
- 114 Nucleus orbiters
- 115 Grow rancid
- 116 Boozing type
- 118 Audiotapes' successors
- 119 Making calm
- 120 Cubbyholes of a certain shape?
- 123 Distinctive period
- 124 Big name in waffles
- 125 Bizarre
- 126 "Relax!" order
- 127 Approx. fig.
- 128 Radish, e.g.
- 129 Thomas Jefferson, religionwise
- 130 Henhouses
- 18 Dances set to ragtime
- 24 Departure's opp.
- 26 Hearth items
- 30 "Do You Want to — Secret?"
- 32 Truncated form of a wd.
- 34 Suffix like -ish
- 35 TGIF's "I"
- 37 — Paulo
- 41 Some sodas
- 42 Gift topper
- 44 Chef's cover
- 45 — Fountain
- 47 Keep vexing
- 48 "— in peace"
- 49 More — few
- 50 Rip up
- 51 Hiccups, e.g.
- 52 Poet's dusk
- 54 Insect stage
- 55 Anesthetized
- 58 Marriott rival
- 60 "Imagine!"
- 62 "Rikki- — Tavi"
- 63 Strewed
- 66 Standing by
- 67 — clear of
- 68 Test track turns
- 70 WWW giant
- 71 Winter woes
- 72 Dodo
- 74 "That's right!"
- 77 Put on TV
- 81 Pulls on cow udders
- 82 Clear — bell
- 83 Ducks' org.
- 85 "I'd like to have a look"
- 86 Respirators
- 87 Eyed closely
- 89 Drives away, as a fly
- 91 Feedbox bit
- 92 Intl. 1940s conflict
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## To Your Good Health

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

### Probiotics: Good Germs Come to the Rescue

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 69-year-old woman, writing to you for information on probiotics. After taking antibiotics for a sinus infection, I developed diarrhea and bloating. I had many tests and scans. Everything was OK. My symptoms continued. On my third visit, they took a stool specimen, which showed yeasts. The doctor suggested I go to a health-food store and buy probiotics. I did, and a miracle happened: My diarrhea stopped. Is yogurt considered probiotics? For how long and how often should you take probiotics? -- N.A.

ANSWER: Probiotics contain live microorganisms that promote health when eaten. Microorganisms are bacteria and fungi. The thought of swigging down bacteria or fungi might be a turnoff. However, these microorganisms are the good kind, not the kind that causes infections. They work for us. Probiotics can restore to the digestive tract the normal balance between good and bad germs. They also appear to have a stimulatory effect on the immune system.

Probiotics come as tablets, cheeses, milk, yogurts, juices and other drinks. The labels on these products must say "live and active

cultures." The names of the organisms most often used are lactobacillus, bifidobacterium and saccharomyces. Some brand names of probiotics are Culturelle, Align, Floraster and the yogurt Activia.

Curbing diarrhea is only one use for these products. They're also used for irritable bowel syndrome and other conditions.

Yogurt is a probiotic if it contains live cultures. How long can you take them? That's a question that can't be answered. The studies haven't been done. The side effects from probiotics are few. It seems to me that you can use the yogurt probiotics forever. The others are probably equally safe for long-term use, but definite statements aren't possible. The labels on the products ought to tell you how long they can be used and in what doses to use them.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I would like to comment on your article on bed-wetting. I am 68 and was a bed-wetter when I was little. It was during an era when children were supposed to be potty trained at young ages. I remember the rituals my parents went through to break me of this habit that, I suppose, was embarrassing to them. I eventually outgrew it.

My first-born daughter also was a bed-wetter. I

resolved not to make a big deal of it. Every morning we removed the sheets and pj's, and washed her ... never harping about her "problem." She outgrew it. Two of her five children were bed-wetters, too. She never dwelt on it.

Perhaps bed-wetting has a genetic basis. Parents ought not to grumble and blame their children. We should be thankful for such small challenges and for having normal children. -- S.B.

ANSWER: Genes strongly influence bed-wetting. If one parent was a bed-wetter, the child has a 45 percent chance of also being one. If both parents were, their child has a 75 percent chance of wetting the bed. Genes are a big factor.

Bed-wetting is involuntary. The child is in no way responsible. In my opinion, punishing or humiliating a child for wetting the bed is child abuse.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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- Creating and implementing marketing strategies

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## LBL To Host 4th Annual Feb. Business Seminar

Land Between The Lakes will host the 4th annual Sustainable Business Seminar Feb. 22 at the Golden Pond Visitor Center from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Business owners interested in improving their current business strategies are encouraged to attend.

This year's seminar focuses on Triple Bottom Line — People, Planet, Profit. Topics include developing successful teams and leaders, marketing a sustainable company, moving toward a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification, keeping the bottom line positive and changing into a more sustainable operation.

Presenters include experts from Murray State University's Small Business Development Center and Jesse D. Jones College of Science, Engineering and Technology; Tennessee Department of Tourist Development; Emerald Resources; and Tennessee Office of Sustainable Practices.

The cost is \$10 per person and includes lunch. Late registration is \$15 after Friday. Reservations can be made until Feb. 20 by phoning the Golden Pond Visitor Center at 270-924-2233. For additional information, phone 270-924-2000 or visit [www.lbl.org](http://www.lbl.org) and click on Alerts & Notices.

## Pennyrile Homemakers Set To Meet Friday At Park

The Pennyrile Homemakers will meet at 10 a.m. Friday at the Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park lodge. Beverly Seibert will serve as hostess.

The lesson this month will be Finding the Perfect Fit. Lesson leaders are Sharon Budd and Martha Parsons.

In case of snow or ice the meeting will be canceled.



**KATE LYNN HARRIS (left) and Jayden Plunkette hold sections of a caterpillar created by kindergarten students to represent the 100 days of school they had attended as of Wednesday, Jan. 29.**

## Local Lady Is EKU Graduate

Amber Lianne Martin of Dawson Springs was one of 1,111 Eastern Kentucky University graduates to receive degrees Dec. 14.

Martin graduated with an AAS degree in medical laboratory technology.

She was also named to the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester. To achieve Dean's List honors at Eastern, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0.



**THE Hamby Avenue home of June Coates with the snow undisturbed and the ice covered trees was breathtakingly beautiful Wednesday, Feb. 5.**



**HONORING the Hopkins County-Madisonville Public Library's 40th anniversary, the city of Madisonville and Hopkins County Fiscal Court proclaimed 2014 as the "Year of the Library." Signing the proclamation Tuesday, Feb. 4, are (from left) Charlie Beshears, 6th District magistrate; Donnie Carroll, Hopkins County Judge Executive; and Kim Blue, assistant judge executive.**

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**LAKHIA MATCHEN (left) and Ally Sherman, kindergarten students at Dawson Springs Elementary School, play a number game Wednesday, Jan. 29, while celebrating 100 days of school.**

## Pennyrile State Resort Park Schedules Valentine Getaway

Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park is offering a Valentine's Getaway package for \$99.95 plus tax. It includes one night's lodging, the "Not-so-Newly Wed Game," dinner for two on Friday, romantic music and dance floor during dinner, a continental breakfast and a couples hike Saturday morning.

A lodging discount is also available for a second night's stay.

Several other state parks are also offering special events and packages in February. For information about each park, as well as other state park events, visit [www.parks.ky.gov](http://www.parks.ky.gov).

## Nominations Accepted For Governor's Volunteer Award

Nominations are being accepted for the annual Governor's awards for Volunteerism and Service, honoring service completed in 2013.

"There are many Kentuckians who serve every day, every month or every year through faith-based organizations and as volunteers for community groups, addressing a variety of unmet critical needs," Gov. Steve Beshear said. "These individuals deserve our sincere admiration and gratitude."

This is the 19th year for the annual volunteer awards, which recognize the contributions of Kentuckians to their fellow citizens. The Kentucky Commission on Community Volun-

teerism and Service hosts a special ceremony each year to publicly honor the winners and others who have given back to their communities through volunteering and service.

"Service is about taking the initiative to make a change for others," said KC-CVS executive director Joe Bringardner. "These awards help give much needed focus on the people and projects that are shaping our commonwealth to be a better place to live."

The nomination deadline is Feb. 26.

Nominations for most awards must focus on service activities completed in Kentucky during 2013. Individuals and groups may be nominated in only one category. Self-nominations are accepted.

This year a new category was added to honor a veteran who has met a community need beyond military service. Award winners from the previous five years are ineligible for the 2013 awards. An independent panel of judges reviews and scores nominations using the assigned judging work sheet.

Electronic submission is encouraged. Nomination forms, category criteria and more information are available online at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dfrcvs/kccvs/gov-awards.htm> or phone Shannon Ramsey at (800) 239-7404, ext. 3841.

## Pennyrile State Park Plans Special Weekends

Two special weekends are planned later this month at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park.

Landscape Oil Painting Weekend is Feb. 21-23. Participants will learn to create their own landscape paintings from instructor Bonita Mal-lory. The fee is \$65 for one class and the Friday evening program is \$120. Lodging discounts are available.

Girlfriend Getaway Weekend will take place Feb. 28 through March 2.

The park will offer programs on health, nutrition, self-defense, skin care and more. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of Pennyrile. The registration fee is \$30 per person. Some services require an additional fee. Lodge rooms are available for \$59.95 a night.

For information and registration forms, visit <http://pennyrileforest.blogspot.com/2014/01/loads-to-do-at-pennyrile-forest-state.html> or contact Rebecca Clark at [rebeccaE.clark@ky.gov](mailto:rebeccaE.clark@ky.gov) or 1-800-325-1711.

## MCC Cultural Committee To Host Evening Voices

Madisonville Community College's Cultural Diversity Committee will be hosting "Evening Voices" at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Byrnes Auditorium.

The Destiny Theatre Experience will present "God's Trombones," written by

James Weldon Johnson, a leading figure in the Harlem Renaissance, and directed by Shawn Whitsell.

There is no charge for admission; donations will be accepted. For more information, phone Silas Matchem at 270-824-1738.

## Clara K. Dillingham Is Born

Robert and Jennifer Dillingham of Brentwood, Tenn., announce the birth of a daughter, Clara Kate, on Feb. 3.

The 8-pound, 8-ounce baby was born at 10:23 p.m. at Vanderbilt Medical Center. She was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Walt and Durena Bridegroom of Fishers, Ind. Paternal grandparents are Scott and Beth Dillingham of Dawson Springs.

Great-grandmothers are



**CLARA DILLINGHAM**

Pollyanna Dillingham of Dawson Springs and Lois Bridegroom of LaPorte, Ind.



**BOWED but not broken, this pine tree on Purdy Lane bends to the ground under the weight of the ice and snow Wednesday, Feb. 5.**

## Girl Struck By Snow Plow Is Injured While Sledding

By Dan Adkins  
Georgetown News-Graphic

A 12-year-old Scott County girl suffered "serious but ... not life-threatening" injuries when she sledded into the back tire of a Transportation Cabinet snowplow Monday, Scott County Sheriff Tony Hampton said.

The unidentified girl was sledding with a friend Feb. 4 when the girl went onto the roadway in the 6000 block

of Muddy Ford Road and the plow's back tire ran over one of her legs, Hampton said.

The girl was transported to University of Kentucky Chandler Hospital, the sheriff said.

Hampton said the snowplow's driver did not have time to react when the accident occurred. He estimated the vehicle's speed at 10 to 15 mph.

The incident was the second sledding accident in Scott County in 10 days.



**BUILDING an igloo on South Main Street Wednesday, Feb. 5, are (from left) Stephanie Farris, David and James Farris. Rodney and Emmett observe this creation from the porch.**